

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 Apr 58		2. LOCATION Hamilton, Ontario, Canada		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ CMT 19/0230Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE - - -	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright firey obj lit up place bright as day. Observed fm car moving 50 mph. Obj in straight flight at meteor speed in sight for few seconds. Blue white color with white smoke trailing. Obj seemed to be hot enough to burn up.				11. COMMENTS Obj has all characteristics of a meteor, and the case is considered to be an astro sighting of a meteor.	

April 21/58

Hamilton

Went

Dear Sir;

I am writing to you regarding an object I saw come to earth on Friday April 18th at about 9.30 p.m. I was driving up to my cottage for the weekend.

I was going about 50 m.h. on #24 highway when all of a sudden the road, bush, and field to my right lit up bright as day. Looking up I saw a ball of fire coming at 60° angle straight for my car, but it landed to my right back of a small woods about one mile away. I marked the place on the highway & I went on to my cottage, I turned the radio on for the

miss but my report about (anything ~~to~~ of
this nature, when I came home, I reported
what I saw to the Royal Canadian Poli.
and Air Force, and Provincial Police.
They mentioned it might be a balloon,
or a rocket but it didn't fit, what I
saw. So I saw your article in Life,
mar 31/5-8 so remembered you were
working on something, I think thus appea.
to be, so maybe you could let me
know what you think it was & where
it came from, I seem to be the only
one to see the fire works. So every
one ~~thinks~~ thinks I was drunk but I
don't drink. I work for Fuller Brush
Co. (machinist)

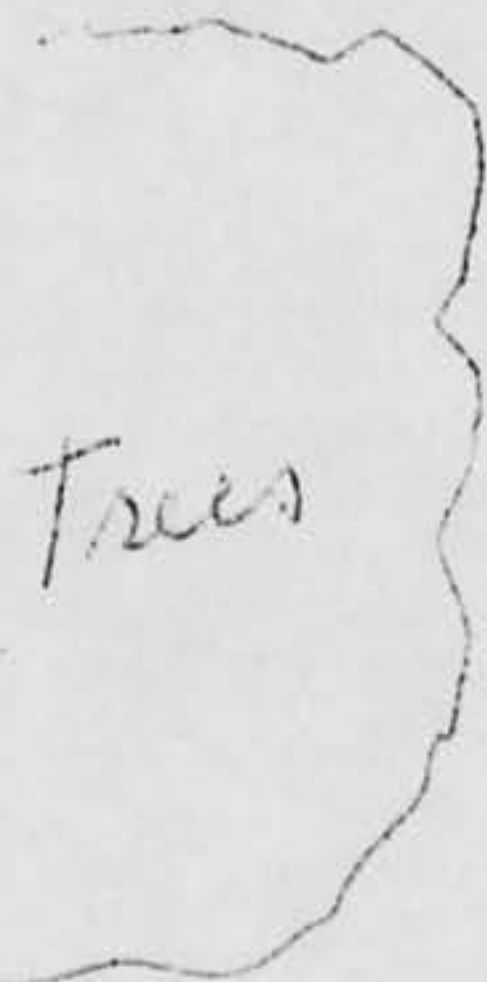
P.S. This is the first
letter in about 30 years

Yours Truly

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~~████████████████████~~ Bold st
Hamilton Ont

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Trees

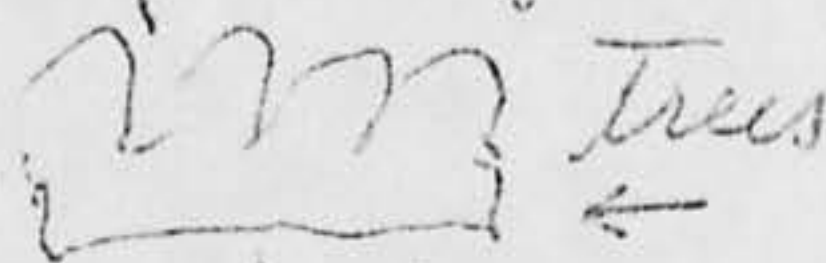


Trees

~~Just~~
This place lit
bright as day

I think back of
trees is a valley

but some
place back
of trees



Trees

Wonderful clues!

Definitely "Football" character

at room on road east

I travelled about 20 ft

north

← x car 50 mile M.H. south
second out of side window

first through
front window



looked about 3 ft
diameter like
blast furnace

It's about
there

There was only red hot
this was bent back

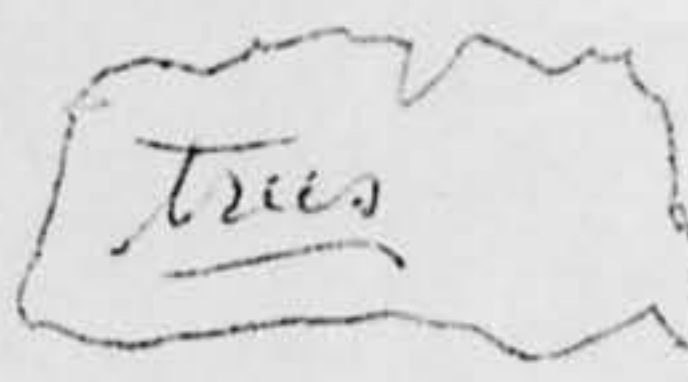
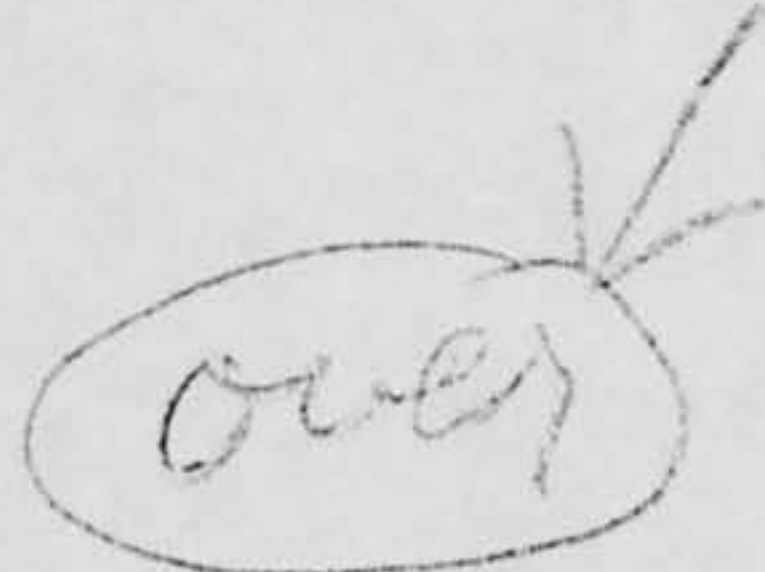
Glow

space from head



30 ft long
Red hot to light
red

(all this lasted
in seconds)



Trees

this might have been of
not great value
as bottom

north

which
make

South

are

Blue white

Flame



I judge it
at midday
about 6 ft from
it

any work and
if this interest
you will

take any one
up to place

some are
something
if this can
be found

from about 30
feet

red

these spots


brighter than

I will never forget this
sight. Only lasted
seconds

(14) Last look hills

I think this is a valley

Top rod only last seen

 small woods

some snow still in woods

car x

It might had more rods sticking out from at but sun bright light made it impossible to see. but one at top & bottom. got cooler near ground. If it wasn't so far from home 100 mile about I am sure it could be found. The rods or what they were made of, didn't seem to be hot enough to burn up.



U. S. NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

4100-AM:lds

May 6, 1958

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Street
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your letter of 21 April 1958 describing your observation of an unidentified flying object on 13 April 1958. All available evidence indicates that Sputnik II re-entered the atmosphere and disintegrated on 13 April, but you possibly may have seen a meteor.

We are forwarding your letter to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Dayton, Ohio as a matter of possible interest. Your interest in reporting your observation is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

L. I. Baird
Commander, USN
Management Coordinator
Project Vanguard

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ORIGIN OF BASIC										DATE				
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DATE					TYPE					NO.				
SUBJECT														
UFO Report from U.S. Naval Research Laboratory														
ROUTING														
Initial "IN" column to denote review prior to action. Initial "OUT" column to denote review of completed action. (X for action; ✓ for coordination.)														
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TO:										DATE				
SAFIS-3, Major Tacker										19 May 1958				
FROM:										COMMENT NO.				
AFCIN-4E										1				
COMMENTS (Use reverse, if necessary)														
AFCIN-4E4g/Capt Gregory/kmo/69216														
<p>1. Attached letter was forwarded to this Center by NRL.</p> <p>2. The following are submitted to assist you in replying to Mr. Rous, observer of the UFO:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. The very careful attention to details assisted us in determining the identity of the object.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b. For example, the description of the object "red glowing space in the head" and that the "place was lit bright as day" are typical characteristics of a true bolide or "fireball."</p> <p>3. A large number of bolides (a very brilliant-fiery specie of meteorite) have been reported during the last nine (9) months from throughout the U.S.</p>														
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>1 Incl:</p> <p>Ltr and Sketch frm</p> <p>Mr. [REDACTED]</p> <p>Hamilton, Ont., Canada</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: right;"> <p><i>H K Gilbert</i></p> <p>H. K. GILBERT</p> <p>Colonel, USAF</p> <p>AFCIN-4E</p> </div> </div>														

9:30 pm

18 APR 1958

SAFUS-3/Maj Tacker/jd/73328

26 May 1958

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 21 April 1958 concerning an unidentified flying object you saw on 18 April 1958 near Hamilton, Ontario.

From your description of the object it had all the typical characteristics of a bolide or "fireball". A bolide is a very brilliant-fiery specie of meteorite.

Your careful attention to details allowed us to identify the object and your report will become a part of our continuing study on aerial phenomena.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
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Office of Information Services

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